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COMMANDANT INSTRUCTION 5312.18

Subj: STAFFING STANDARD FOR THE NATIONAL SECURITY CUTTER (NSC)

Ref: (a) ICGS – Deepwater National Security Cutter Manpower Requirements Analysis (MRA)  
Revision C dtd 25 February 2005 (NOTAL)

(b) United States Coast Guard Staffing Standard Manual, COMDTINST M5312.11 (series)

(c) Crewing for National Security Cutters memo dtd 22 February 2006 (NOTAL)

1. PURPOSE. This Instruction establishes the operational staffing standard for the first National Security Cutter (NSC).
2. ACTION. Area, district and sector commanders, commanders of maintenance and logistics commands, commanding officers of integrated support commands, commanding officers of headquarters units, assistant commandants for directorates, Judge Advocate General and special staff elements at Headquarters shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this Instruction. Internet release is authorized.
3. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. None
4. DISCUSSION.
  - a. Based on references (a) and (b), and in accordance with reference (c), this Instruction establishes a preliminary operating NSC crew of 108 members (113 for crews capable of operating Ship's Signals Exploitation Equipment (SSEE)), described in the enclosure.
  - b. The staffing standard is based on projected mission requirements, maintenance, and support workload. However, as this is a first-in-class cutter, the crewing standard needs analysis and validation that is best accomplished after operational routine is established. This Instruction will

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be cancelled upon completion of a post-delivery Manpower Requirements Analysis (MRA) and the final staffing standard for the WMSL will be incorporated into reference (b).

5. ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECT AND IMPACT CONSIDERATIONS. Environmental considerations were examined in the development of this Instruction and have been determined to be not applicable.
6. FORMS/REPORTS. None.

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Encl: (1) National Security Cutter (NSC) Operational Crew Staffing Standard

## NATIONAL SECURITY CUTTER (NSC) OPERATIONAL CREW STAFFING STANDARD

Rank/Rate	NSC	Rank/Rate	NSC	Rank/Rate	NSC
CAPT	1	BMCS	1	MKCS	1
CDR	1	BMC	1	MKC	1
LCDR	2	BM1	4	MK1	4
LT	1	BM2	5	MK2	5
LTJG	3	BM3	6	MK3	5
ENS	4	DCC	1	OSCS	1
Officer Total	12	DC1	1	OSC	(*2) 1
CWO-ELC	1	DC2	1	OS1	(*4) 3
CWO-ENG	1	DC3	2	OS2	(*5) 4
Warrant Total	2	EMC	1	OS3	(*8) 6
		EM1	1	SKC	1
		EM2	2	SK2	1
		EM3	1	YN1	1
		ETC	1	YN3	1
		ET1	1	FN	3
		ET2	2	SN	8
		ET3	2	Enlisted Total	(*99)94
		FSCS	1	Grand Total	(*113)108
		FSC	1		
		FS1	2	*SSEE crew: 1 OSC	
		FS3	4	1 OS1	
		GMC	1	1 OS2	
		GM2	1	2 OS3	
		GM3	1		
		HSC	1		
		ITC	1		
		IT1	1		
		IT2	1		